

City of Cambridge
Police Review and Advisory Board

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Minutes for the Special Meeting of the Board of June 28, 2010

Board Members Present: Mertin Betts (chair), Richard Peters, Martin Small, Alexandra Detjens and Susan Melucci

Staff Present: Executive Secretary Marlissa Briggett and Investigative Outreach Liaison Joseph Johnson

Cambridge Police: None.

Public Present: Brigitt Keller and a half dozen other members of the public.

Special meeting of the Board was open for public participation for the first 10 minutes. The public inquired about the intent of the meeting. The Board explained that they wished to meet one last time to address PR-09-09 before the Board reconvenes in September. The Board noted that it was responding to impatience expressed by the public regarding the length of time it was taking to address PR-09-09.

The public expressed concern that the meeting was not listed on the PRAB website, Marlissa Briggett pointed out that notice was provided through the city website as required. She indicated that while PRAB makes an effort to also post on the PRAB website, it was unable to do so in this case because of timing issues. Specifically, the board decided to hold a special meeting at the end of its June 23 PRAB meeting. Following that evening meeting, the IT person who handles the PRAB website was away from the office until June 28. Ms. Briggett stressed that the city website is the primary place the public should consult with respect to meetings. She also noted that she had, as a courtesy, sent notice by email to Ms. Keller at the National Lawyers' Guild regarding this meeting and that the presence of members of the public indicated that notice had been received.

After the public inquires, Board member Susan Melucci motioned to go into executive session pursuant to M.G.L. chap. 39, s.23B (2) and it was approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned after Executive Session.